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1. On 17 March, about 680 troops fell in in the barracks yard of the Kraftfahrer Kaserne on Semlinerstrasse, Rathenow (N 53/2 15) and 70 other soldiers stood in front of the quarters or were seen at the windows and doors of the buildings. All troops wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, including some with signal insignia.  25X1  
 The troops were engaged in formation drill without arms and equipment until breakfast at 9 a.m. At 9:10 a.m., all troops in the installation assembled for roll call. They were reported to a colonel who arrived  25X1C  
 Subsequently, the troops marched in review past the colonel while an eight piece military band was played. After the review, about 50 percent of the soldiers organized into batteries left for firing practice with live ammunition, several groups left with telephone sets for signal-communication practice, and other groups practiced with model 43 152-mm field howitzers. Drivers were employed at maintenance duty. A column entering the installation on 19 March consisted of 16 to 20 prime movers,  25X1C  
 towing model 43 152-mm field howitzers, and 5 to 8 trucks. 25X1  
 The column came from the direction of Koenigsheide. At about 9 a.m. on 20 March, 10 to 12 prime movers,  25X1C  
 towing model 43 152-mm field howitzers, and 6 to 8 trucks carrying signal equipment moved out of the installation and returned at about 3 p.m. heavily soiled. On 28 March, 8 prime movers towing 152-mm field howitzers and crews drove from the installation toward Koenigsheide. A junior lieutenant of the Kech was in the installation. He allegedly succeeded Lieutenant Malinovsky. (1) 25X1
2. On 4 April, the Infanterie Kaserne at the Nordbahnhof was occupied by soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Trucks  25X1  
 entered the installation from the direction of the town on 4 April.
3. On 5 April, 50 to 60 trucks were parked on the premises of the former Plant No 2 of the Nietzsche & Guenther firm on Barmmechaussee - Friedrich-Ebert-Ring.  25X1C  
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4. Between 1 and 5 April, the Ziethen Kaserne on Bahnhofstrasse was occupied by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. There was much traffic of officers

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in sedans and trucks. [REDACTED]

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5. On 25 March, a column of seven sedans, including sedan [REDACTED] with a general and sedan [REDACTED], and trucks [REDACTED] was seen at the Schleusenbrücke (bridge) just west of Rathenow, coming from the direction of Stendal (N 53/Y 85) and driving toward Rathenow. [REDACTED] was previously seen in the garage of the headquarters building of the Infanterie Kaserne. On 26 and 27 March, all roads to Rathenow were guarded by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets and an officer. This detail controlled all motor vehicle traffic. On 26 March, 2 officers and 6 N with red-bordered black epaulets loaded ammunition boxes on two boxcars at the Nordbahnhof. The ammunition was hauled to the station on truck [REDACTED] on 5 April, a column of 50 new three-axle trucks [REDACTED] left Rathenow toward Priesack (N 53/Z 27). The vehicles were occupied by the driver only.

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6. On 14 March, intensive traffic of about 100 officers was noticed at the former girl's secondary school on Friedrich-Ebert-Ring. The building has been used as school for Soviet children since 1945. The officers arrived at about 9 a.m. by car or on foot and left for their meals. The same observations were made during the preceding week. [REDACTED]

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8. On 17 March, [REDACTED] Ziethen Kaserne, that General Gnanov (fnu) was succeeded by General Shararov (fnu). (5)

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9. In mid-March, [REDACTED] Senior Lieutenant Petrenko was the supply officer of the Rathenow military post. [REDACTED] (6) In February, a total of 3,180.4 kg of meat and 142 kg of lard were delivered to the troops of the post. For the second quarter of the year, there were scheduled for delivery 9.4 tons of live cattle and 4 tons of live pigs.

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- [REDACTED] Comments.
- (1) The 10th How Arty Brig (UG) of the 6th Arty Div, [REDACTED] is carried in the Kraftfahrer Kaserne. However, the unit is believed to number 1,200 to 1,400 troops. [REDACTED] The brigade is equipped with 152-mm field howitzers, which is confirmed by the observations between 19 and 28 March.
- (2) These buildings house a repair shop.
- (3) [REDACTED] an officers' school is located there is probably correct. The officers' school is presumably subordinate to the IV Arty Corps.

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- (4) [REDACTED]
- (5) [REDACTED] General Chianov (fnu) and Major Dovgi (fnu) were in the Ziothen Kaserne in February 1952. [REDACTED] General Shamarov (fnu) is unknown; he may be the Major General (Arty) L.A. Shamankov who, [REDACTED] was Chief Arty Section with the Hq Third Gds Wez Army at the end of 1949. In view of his previous assignment, he could have become CO of the IV Arty Corps.
- (6) One Petrenko (fnu) is known to be supply officer in Mathenow; he was said to be subordinate to the Main Trading Administration, Potsdam. This is the first time that his rank is reported.

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